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Brownlee in Eckville Speech Defines Issues to Be Decided When Next Provincial Election Comes

Campaign Fund Means That Political Party Is Controlled by Contributors—U. F. A. Government Will Have Neither Campaign Fund Nor Paid Organizer—Influential Central Alberta Newspaper Suggests Abandonment of Political Party System—Proposal Endorsed by Well-known Public Men of District—Red Deer News Commends Straightforwardness of Government Policy

Within a year from now a general election will be held in Alberta, and you will have to record your votes. I suggest that there will be two main issues at that election. The first will be whether or not we in Alberta are going to get away from old political issues and old political parties. In the newspapers of the Province at present there is continual evidence of the working of the Liberal party organization and its paid agent. A paid political organizer means campaign funds and the old political system.

NEITHER CAMPAIGN FUNDS NOR PAID ORGANIZER

This Government has neither campaign funds nor organizer, and will have neither when the election comes. In this speech I wish to leave with you two main ideas, that I am in earnest

that I don't indulge in any abuse of my opponents. At the same time I have to point out to you that a campaign fund means that its contributors are in the position of dealing with respect to any Government that relies on that fund. If you want a return to the old political arrangements, then you must put us out of office. The second issue at the coming election will be whether the present Government is to remain in office or whether the old Liberal party is to be back in power. The Conservatives, though they cannot ignore, do not hope to form a Government.

It is fair in dealing with criticism of the present Government to remind you that the present leader of the opposition,

C. R. Mitchell, was Provincial Treasurer in the late Liberal Government and largely responsible for the present financial conditions. Mr. Mitchell says that we as a Government are extravagant, and on the other hand that we are

stingy. I want to contrast our record with that of the Liberals and in doing so I want to judge Mr. Mitchell by his

record as to both the past and the future. Remember that

when we came into office in 1921 it was fair for you to keep in mind the ignorance

that we had to take over when we came into office. In Mr.

Mitchell's budget speech of 1918 he said that all through the

years of government war had made the Provincial Treasurer's work difficult, readjustments must be made in private and public expenditure, waste and extravagance must be eliminated. Yet knowing this to be the case, the Liberal Government in 1918 proposed to increase expenditures by one

"Characteristic Straightforwardness"

Speaking at Eckville on July 27th, J. E. Brownlee, Attorney General, made a comprehensive survey of the work of the Provincial Government. We publish below the greater part of an excellent verbatim report of Mr. Brownlee's address which appeared in the Red Deer News of July 29th.

Commenting editorially on Mr. Brownlee's visit to the district, the News declared, "Mr. Brownlee's speeches had the suggestion about them of straightforwardness which has characterized this Government from the time of its taking office." These speeches, declared the News, had the merit of "giving detailed evidences of economies effected by the Government as compared with their predecessors. It is true that it was not an extremely hard matter to economize as compared with the late Liberal Government, whose record is deplorably bad." After further discussion of the speeches, the News stated that the whole impression left by the Attorney General "was a favorable one."

Abandon Party System

In its previous issue, the Red Deer News suggested that in the interests of Alberta, party politics should be done away with, insofar as Provincial affairs are concerned. It is now publishing the opinions of well-known local men upon this subject, who almost unanimously favor the adoption of the suggestion if it can be carried out in a practical manner.

and a half million dollars, the total expenditure of the Province being only eleven millions. In 1919 Mr. Mitchell repeated his warnings as to the need of economy. In 1920 he pointed out the severe depression prevailing all round and the heavy arrears of taxes resulting from it.

SAW NO HOPE OF CUTTING DOWN

Yet at the same time he said that he saw no hope of cutting down the existing government services. At the end of 1920 the Government expenditure was two millions higher than the previous year. Each year expenditure was increased and in 1921 the capital expenditure was increased by seventeen millions. Mr. Mitchell calls us spendthrifts; yet he himself utterly and confessedly failed to

cut down expenses. We have given you the same services as the Liberals, but we have done so at a reduced cost. Therefore we ask you whether you ought to turn us out of office at the coming election.

As to our record, I have to say that when we came into power in 1921, we decided to forget some of the frills of government. We took all the Government offices, and we tried to reduce their cost without reducing the services given. Governments, like individuals, go bankrupt if they spend beyond their income, and every dollar of Government expenditure comes from taxes. We could spend much more but you would pay the bill. We have imposed no new taxes except on some companies which we thought could stand it. We could not have avoided imposing new taxes had we gone on at the old rate. Let me give you some details of what we have done:

SOME HEAVY REDUCTIONS IN EXPENDITURE

In my own department come the land titles offices at Calgary and Edmonton. Mr. Mitchell said he could not reduce expenses. In 1921 the Edmonton office cost \$101,000. In 1922 it cost only \$82,000. In 1924 it cost only \$75,076. In 1921 the Calgary office cost \$100,000. In 1924 it cost only \$75,000; and we are still reducing expenses. I have just signed an order for two machines which will cost about \$900.

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Suggests Government House Be Made Home for Aged People

(Alberta Labor News)

The Canadian Labor Party in Edmonton has a suggestion in connection with the disposal of Government House that is worthy of some attention. It is that the building should be used for a home for aged indigent people. There is need for such an institution in Alberta and the need is constantly increasing as the Province grows older.

Whatever disposition is made of Government House the Alberta Government should do something to carry out the terms of the resolution passed in the last session of the Legislature. Some of the papers who oppose the will of the Legislature in the matter are arguing that the resolution only "respectfully recommended" that the Government dispose of the official residence of the Lieutenant-Governor and that the Government is under no obligation to do what the Legislature expressed its desire to do. Isn't that tantamount to saying that the expressed wishes of the representatives of the people do not count for anything? Certainly the Government should look upon the resolution as practically mandatory.

It is doubtful, however, if the property can be disposed of to advantage at this time by sale. And it is doubtful if the Province should let go of such a valuable property when there are valuable uses to which it could be put. It will meet the requirements of the Legislature's resolution if it is changed from a stepping stone for a few social climbers to a property utilized for some useful purpose. In that connection the suggestion of the Canadian Labor Party in Edmonton should be considered.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE (The Western News)

The daily newspapers of the Province are trying very hard to show the people of Alberta why the Government should not dispose of Government House in accordance with the expressed desire of the Legislature at the last session.

Most of the arguments used are fallacious. A favorite one is a comparison with the White House at Washington. The White House, in addition to being the official residence of the President of the United States, is also the office of the President. Now it is ridiculous to compare the office of Lieutenant-Governor of a Canadian Province with that of the executive head of a nation of a hundred million people.

The White House is necessary to the conduct of the government of the United States. It is the business office of the head of the Government. The business conducted by our Lieutenant-Governor is negligible, and a matter of formality, and it could easily be carried on without an official residence.

The chief function of Government House is to entertain a select few people. It helps to create and maintain class distinctions that are undesirable in this new democratic Province. It has no value, social or otherwise, to the vast majority of the citizens. It costs the taxpayers a large sum of money each year. For those reasons the Legislature went on record as favoring its sale or
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EDITORIAL

CONTINUE THE CANVASS

Since our last issue went to press, the Dairy Pool has secured its necessary minimum sign-up, and steps are now being taken to place the Pool on a permanent basis. The first objective of the joint campaign which has been carried on by the three new Pools during the past few months is now completely attained, though it is of the greatest importance that the canvass for membership should be continued. The greater the proportion of the producers in the Pools, the more effectively will they be able to function, and the greater the volume of total production handled efficiently through the Pooling system, the lower will be the overhead costs of marketing.

This is very clearly illustrated by comparison of the operating costs of the Alberta Wheat Pool, which handled more of the 1923 crop than any other co-operative marketing agency in the world, with the costs of some of the smaller Pools which have been carried on elsewhere. The Alberta Wheat Pool sold about 34,000,000 bushels of wheat for its members during its first year of operation, and the total operating charges were less than half a cent per bushel.

The South Dakota Pool, which handled about two million bushels of the 1924 crop, had operating costs totalling 4.65 cents per bushel. Corresponding operating charges of the Colorado Wheat Pool of 1923, which handled about 1,300,000 bushels, were 2.2 cents per bushel. When the volume of a product handled is comparatively small, the operating charges are of necessity comparatively high.

A considerable number of members of the Wheat Pool whose cheques for the second interim payment should have been forwarded last week, have failed to send their Growers' Certificates in to the Pool Head Office, for checking against deliveries. Until the Growers' Certificates are sent in, it is impossible to ascertain the amount due to the members.

As announced on the Wheat Pool page, the cheques which have recently been sent out to members form the second interim payment, and not the final payment. The final payment will be made early in the fall.

The Western News, a weekly paper which commenced publication in Edmonton on July 15th, is to be congratulated on the high standards of excellence in both editorial and news columns which have been set in its opening numbers. Judged by these standards, it gives promise of becoming an important addition to the limited number of papers of independent and progressive outlook in Canada. In an opening announcement it is stated that the paper is being published

independently, and without any entangling alliances. In charge of its editorial and news columns are Albertans whose ability in the newspaper field has long been recognized, and whose consistent support of genuinely progressive policies in the past, and temperance in debate, give reason to hope that the standards which have been set will never be lowered.

BE PREPARED

Until a definite decision has been announced by the Ottawa Government, speculation on the date of the next general Federal election is perhaps futile. It is of the greatest importance, however, that the organization should be prepared for a possible early election. The best way to prepare is to bring the membership up to strength in every constituency. Much may be done in this direction during the few weeks remaining before harvesting operations take precedence over all other activities. A large paid-up membership in every Local will be a first step towards a strong representation in each of the nominating conventions.

The U. F. A. has no campaign funds subscribed by external interests who desire to control the activities of elected members and to determine policies for their own purposes. The political, like all other activities of the Association, are controlled, and express the policy of its membership, and can be financed only by the individual contributions of its members, through their dues to their Association.

Professor Fay's visit to the next Annual Convention will be an event of unusual interest. He is one of the outstanding men in the field of economics in Canada, and few men have as comprehensive a knowledge of the history and present status of co-operation throughout the world. It is to be hoped that he will be able to speak on more than one of the four alternative subjects which he has suggested.

The Red Deer News' suggestion that party politics should be abandoned in Provincial affairs has aroused much interest in the territory served by this newspaper in Central Alberta. The people of this Province have had very unhappy experience of party politics in the past, and it seems unlikely that they will revert to the discarded system.

COULD HAVE CALLED THE BLUFF

We call the attention of the Alberta newspapers which have been insisting in and out of season that the present mortgage legislation be radically changed in the interests of the mortgage companies, and suggesting that this Province is under a financial boycott, to the statement of the president of the Alberta Loans Association, and to the fact, dwelt upon by Mr. Brownlee, that money can be borrowed at any rate as cheaply and as freely in Alberta as in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In a letter to Mr. Brownlee, referred to elsewhere in this issue, the president of this association definitely denied that the present Government had damaged the security of mortgages.

The space which has been used in a number of daily newspapers in attacking the Government's mortgage policy, could have been better employed in advocacy of a workable system of Federal Farm Loans and Intermediate Credits. If the Western dailies in general had shown any real interest in the fight which U. F. A. members of the House of Commons carried on with such vigor last session, in behalf of this needed reform, and had supported these members in the fight, the Ottawa Government's bluff could have been called, and the time when farmers might expect to make their necessary borrowings on reasonable terms would have been brought appreciably nearer.

A. A. McGillivray, one of the aspirants to the post of leader of the Conservative party in Alberta, is resorting to
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News of the Organization

Activities of Local and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Camrose to Nominate Candidate Aug. 14, at Annual Convention

All Locals Should Collect Membership Dues to Secure Maximum Representation

Nomination of a candidate in the new Federal Constituency of Camrose will take place at the annual meeting of the Camrose U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association to be held in the town of Camrose on Friday, August 14th, commencing at 10 a.m.

Notices calling the convention have been mailed to all Locals in the constituency by John Slatery, secretary, in behalf of the executive. Representation will be on the basis of one delegate for every ten paid-up members, the dues of the Constituency Association being 50 cents per member, in addition to the regular dues in the Provincial organization.

All Locals are urged to send as strong a delegation as possible. With this end in view it is hoped that a special effort will be made before the convention to collect membership dues for the current year.

The business of the meeting will include the election of officers of the new Constituency Association for the coming year.

MEMBERSHIP LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

Allendale U. F. A. Local have adopted the policy of charging only \$1.50 as dues from each member, and raising the remaining 50 cents by entertainments and other means. "We find that by doing so we get a larger membership than if we charged the full fee of \$2," says Sidney Pratt, secretary-treasurer, in reporting on recent activities. "We have a very good Local here now—considerably larger than last year, and we have some good meetings. We recently had our U. F. A. picnic and cleared over \$50, which helped our funds out considerably." The Local has 23 paid-up members for 1926 to date, and expects to increase the number in the near future.

RAISE \$200 AT LONE RIDGE

Nearly \$200 was realized by Lone Ridge Local, near Wetaskiwin, at the annual picnic and dance held on July 8th, states R. A. Stevens, secretary-treasurer, in a recent letter. At a previous meeting held in support of the Pools addresses were given by Mrs. Scholefield, E. J. Rasmussen and E. E. Sparks, M.L.A., and some fifty contracts were signed.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

"We have a good Local and our membership has been increasing," writes Miss Martha Rafn, secretary-treasurer of the Sun Accord Junior Local, in a letter recently received. Miss Rafn enclosed dues for 18 paid-up members.

MACLEOD FEDERAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 3

The annual convention of the Macleod U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association will be held at Macleod on August 3rd.

ASK CONTINUATION OF HIGHWAY

Continuation of the Edmonton-Athabasca highway from Rochester to Cynde, through Tawatinaw and Nanton east of the C. N. R. track, was recommended in a resolution adopted by Tawatinaw Local at a recent meeting. The shipping committee was given power to set a flat rate on all shipments of livestock if this be deemed desirable. The Local held a successful picnic on July 4th, when Mrs. Warr, U. F. W. A. director, addressed a public meeting on organization and in support of the Joint Pools.

"LIVE WIRE" NEW JUNIOR LOCAL

"Live Wire" Junior Local was recently organized by Miss Gladys Anderson. Guy Watson of Lacombe was elected president and Miss Alice Harris secretary. The average age of the members of the new Local is 16.

Nanton Discusses Forthcoming Federal Convention and Endorses G. G. Coote, M.P. for Macleod

Annual Gathering Deals With Important Problems—Paves Resolution on Wheat Pool Elevator Policy—Vote of Thanks to D. H. Galbraith, M.L.A.

Endorsement of the three new Pools now being organized, a recommendation to the Alberta Wheat Pool that a policy for the requirement of elevators be adopted, approval of the policy of the Alberta Government in regard to the requirement of the natural resources, and commendation of the Government for its adoption of a permanent road building policy, were among the features of the annual convention of the Nanton U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association held at Nanton on July 10th.

The convention adopted the report of D. H. Galbraith, M.L.A., the member for the constituency, upon his work as member, and expressed their thanks for his services. G. G. Coote, U. F. A. member of the House of Commons for Macleod, was endorsed as candidate for the Federal Constituency in the next general election, and the calling of a nominating convention was urged. An increase in liquor licenses to provide for the relief of families rendered destitute by the liquor traffic was advised, and it was asked "that when fire insurance companies accept the full premium for insurance over a period of years, they should not be allowed to make deductions for depreciation of property, in case of fire."

It was explained that the resolution regarding Wheat Pool elevators did not mean that the Pool should immediately

Dried Out Farmers to Be Given Preference as Harvest Workers

In the solution of the harvest labor problem, Nanton Local is taking full advantage of the plan worked out by the U. F. A. Central Office in co-operation with the Alberta Employment Service. The decision was reached by the Local at a meeting on July 18th. Preference will be given to farmers from the dried out areas, and in order that the full plan may be operated with maximum efficiency, it was decided to make as accurate an estimate as possible of the number of men required for harvest, and also of the number of farmers who because of the failure of their own crops, wish to obtain work in other districts.

An important discussion took place on the subject of noxious weeds, following an address by W. W. Miller, Government field supervisor.

The following delegates were chosen to attend the Macleod Federal convention: W. D. Ransom, S. T. Armstrong, H. I. Montgomery, W. T. Hobart, Oscar Lind, E. C. Wagner, S. S. Sears, H. G. Love, J. S. Blake, W. L. Watt and W. F. Kirchoff.

engage in the business of operating elevators, but that it should formulate a general policy to be brought into effect when deemed advantageous.

The convention was presided over by W. D. Ransom, president, and among the speakers of the day was S. S. Sears, who gave an interesting outline of the work done in the organization of the new Pools.

Don't Neglect Parent Organization

H. F. Spencer, the U. F. A. director for Macleod, urged the members on no account to neglect the association, which was the parent organization of the new Pools. It was needed to support all activities of the farmers, economic, social and political, and its maintenance was essential to the permanent success of the Pools.

In the course of an address on the work of the Legislature, Mr. Galbraith said that sound business principles demanded an increase in the charges for telephone service, sufficient to cover the deficit on the system.

Officers for the coming year were elected by acclamation as follows: W. D. Ransom, president; M. E. Malchow, Staveland, Mrs. Little of Staveland and Theo. Hagerman of Parkland, vice-presidents. Each U. F. A. Local will elect a director, and the directors will appoint a secretary-treasurer.

Co-operative Oil Shipments Menaced by Proposed Ruling

C. C. A. Has Strongly Opposed Proposal to RME Co-operative Plan

Numerous inquiries have been received at the office of the Canadian Council of Agriculture as to whether or not the proposed new rule, with regard to the shipment of kerosene and gasoline in tank cars, which will make co-operative purchases of tractor fuel as at present carried on impossible, is coming into effect and if so on what date.

J. W. Ward, Secretary of the Council, writes stating that the judgment of the Board of Railway Commissioners regarding the new freight classification leaves this matter undecided, the Board finding it necessary to make a special inquiry in which a separate judgment will be given. In any event thirty days' notice will have to be given after the issue of the new classification and rules, and it is understood that there will be no change before October 1st at least.

At the present time it is permissible to bring in tank cars of oil and unload them at a railway siding into drums direct from the tank, and many farmers through their Locals are purchasing their tractor fuel co-operatively and making a saving of approximately seven cents a gallon, which means several thousand dollars a year to the members at each point.

In the proposed new classification a note appears providing that tank cars can only be shipped to points where delivery will be taken at a private siding, or where facilities are provided for piping it into permanent storage tanks. This proposed new rule, which is obviously intended to stop co-operative purchasing of oil, was opposed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture at a sitting held by the Board of Railway Commissioners at Winnipeg in July, 1924. H. J. Drummond, K.C., appearing for the Council. The opposition of the Council has prevented the application of the new rule up to the present, but whether or not it will be made effective this fall depends on the decision of the Railway Commission.

August 8th, commencing at 10 a.m., according to an announcement by H. Hanson, secretary. Important resolutions will be brought under consideration.

SELL QUILT TO RAISE FUNDS

Members of Holborn U. F. W. A. Local were entertained at dinner and lunch by the Junior members at a recent meeting in the U. F. A. hall, Holborn. The members quilted the U. F. A. star quilt, and arranged to sell it at a later meeting to raise funds to help to

pay for the hall. Sixteen members and three visitors were present.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT CLOVER LODGE

The annual picnic and sports of the Clover Lodge Local on July 18th, proved very successful, a large crowd gathering and much interest being taken in the various events. A horse show tournament, a ball game between Viking and Clover Lodge, horse racing and foot races, were among the events of the day. An enjoyable dance in the Hastings hall ended the proceedings.

Didsbury Commends Record of U.F.A. Government and of Local Member

More Than Hundred Delegates at Bessing Gathering—Roads Policy Strongly Approved—Continued Effort to Increase Sign-up in Pools Urged

DECLARE FARMERS SOLIDLY BEHIND GOVERNMENT

The following resolution was adopted with enthusiasm at the Didsbury convention:

Resolved: That after the four years of administration of the present Government, this convention goes on record as heartily approving their policy and that, although they took up the reins of power at a time when it was almost impossible for any Government to carry on, they have succeeded far beyond the hopes of even their most ardent supporters; and further, that this convention believes the farmers in general to be more solidly behind the Government and their policy than ever.

Resolutions expressing hearty approval of the work of the present Provincial Government, and commending the record of the member for the constituency, A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., were carried with enthusiasm at the annual convention of the Didsbury U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association held at These Hills on July 17th, when more than a hundred delegates were in attendance from all parts of the constituency.

President Clark, of Didsbury, states Mrs. Coz J. Kerns in the course of a report of the proceedings, made a resume of the progress of the past five years, endorsed the policy of the U. F. A. Government, and "urged the farmers to further efforts to maintain the best and only business Government the Province has ever seen."

Commend Progressive Road Policy

The following resolution dealing with the subject of road policy was adopted:

Whereas: We consider the progress that has been made in road improvement under the present administration to be exceptionally satisfactory, and to have been impossible under the system employed by any preceding administration, be it resolved: That this convention fully approve the action of the Department of Public Works in establishing a highway commission, and that it express the highest appreciation of the progressive policy of highway and market road development that has been inaugurated.

Congratulate U. F. A. Membership on Work for Pools

The convention also adopted the following resolution on the subject of the new Co-operative Marketing Pools:

Resolved: That this convention pass a hearty vote of thanks to the U. F. A.

membership as a whole, and to the Provincial Government in particular, for their work toward the establishment of their joint Pools, and be it further resolved, that this convention ask the various U. F. A. Locals of the constituency to continue their efforts to increase the membership in the Pools.

During the course of the convention, A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., gave an address explaining various legislative matters which are under consideration, and dealing at some length with the new Pools which are now being organized. "The convention," says Mrs. Kerns in her report, "unanimously endorsed the work of Mr. Claypool during his term of office, expressed their thanks for his efforts in organizing the Pools, and also paid him a high moral tribute as well." Mr. Claypool said his work had been most pleasurable because of the harmony existing between his constituents and himself and thanked the people for their support.

Tribute to President Clark

"A high tribute was also paid Mr. Clark for his high individual standard of manhood and the work he had done in the farmers' cause, to which he faithfully responded.

"A vote of thanks was also tendered the ladies of Three Hills Local for the splendid dinner they provided.

"Members of the Credential and Order of Business Committee were: Mr. Hart, Mrs. Kerns and Mr. Gibbs. Resolutions: Rex Wood, Mrs. Wills and Mr. Wooly.

"President Clark was returned for the following year with Mr. Hart of Carbon as vice-president, and F. G. Brown, Acme, director at large. Other directors elected: Mrs. H. Braden and Jas. Gordon. Mrs. Wills and J. S. Earle, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Jones, Mrs. Hagge and David Irvine.

"A resolution introduced by Mr. Jones seconded by Mr. McIntosh, and carried by a small majority, was as follows:

Resolved: That when a mortgage is given on certain security that the mortgagor should have no claim beyond said security.

Tabled for One Year

"A resolution asking for the return of prohibition was tabled for one year, in view of the fact that conditions of drunkenness and bootlegging are steadily growing worse and will continue to do so until people will finally get so disgusted they will embrace prohibition.

"Next convention will be held at Acme, date not set."

NEED DONATIONS TO PROVIDE INVALID CHAIR

The United Farm Women of Alberta have been asked to provide an invalid chair for an invalid mother in the dried out area. Upon investigation this has been found to be a deserving case, the family being in straitened circumstances owing to successive crop failures, and unable to purchase the required chair.

As our Organization had \$60.00 in the Relief Fund at Central, the chair was purchased. This amount is not sufficient, however, to cover cost of the chair, and we are making an appeal to our Locals for small donations to cover the balance.

Any contributions received over and above the balance due on chair will be placed in the Relief Account at Central. Kindly send all contributions to Central Office.

BOW VALLEY DISTRICT ASSN.

The next meeting of the Bow Valley U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. District Association will be held at Namsan on

Battle River at Convention at Wainwright Unanimously Re-nominates H. E. Spencer, M. P., as Candidate in Next Election —No Other Name Submitted

Delegates Pay High Tribute to Sitting Member—No Evidence of Temporary or Artificial Stimulation Among Farmers of Constituency, Who Face With Quiet Confidence the Tasks of the Future—Faith in U. F. A. Movement Deepens—Inspiring Addresses by President Wood and Sitting Member—Tasks of the Future

By WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

WAINWRIGHT, July 28.—The Battle River annual convention held at Wainwright, July 27th and 28th, was in some important respects unique. Every convention, like every individual, has a character of its own. That character is more easily felt than described, yet is infinitely more important than any of the items of business which may be transacted, even as the melody of a piece of music is more important than the signs on the staff by means of which it is expressed.

FAITH IN MOVEMENT DOMINANT NOTE

The unique element which would have impressed a visitor was an air of quiet confidence which said, "We have faith in our movement—faith in what it has done and in what it will yet do," while there were great outbursts of enthusiasm at times, as, when President Wood rose to speak, or when Mr. Spencer was nominated, one felt that the delegates who filled nearly every seat in the large hall, realized that they had undertaken a life job, that they realized their responsibilities and were determined to fulfill their obligations at all costs. There was no evidence of temporary or artificial stimulation, nor was any desired so far as could be gathered.

NO THOUGHT OF ANY COMPETITOR

There was a great deal of ordinary business, but the main object of the convention was to nominate a candidate for the next Federal election, should one come before the date of the next convention. H. E. Spencer, the present member, was chosen unanimously. There was no thought of a competitor, which in itself was a splendid tribute to the sitting member, yet with all it was a tribute well earned. Most politicians have the faculty of representing themselves at nothing less than one hundred per cent. Mr. Spencer lacks this faculty entirely. He has far better sense than he is ever able to exhibit. He was nominated because every one of his constituents knows that he possesses all the great qualities which go to make a true and valuable public servant. Their knowledge of his character, gained through intimate associations and through the many years of faithful service to his community, is the basis of their implicit confidence. Few constituencies in Canada have been so well or so devotedly served as Battle River has been during the last four years, and few sitting members at Ottawa will receive the esteem and appreciation that were

accorded to Mr. Spencer by his constituents at the nominating convention. Surely a striking proof that virtue sometimes brings rewards other than that which it is in itself!

MAIN SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT, SPENCER AND LOVE

The main speeches of the convention were delivered by Mr. Spencer, M.P., President H. W. Wood and J. R. Love, M.L.A. for Wainwright. Mr. Spencer reviewed at length and in detail the events of the last session of Parliament. He emphasized more particularly the national debt, methods of borrowing on the national credit, the Grain Act and rural credits.

With regard to finance, Mr. Spencer is confident that events in the near future will compel the Government to adopt some means of socializing credit, that control of finance by a few individuals who make money a commodity rather than a means of exchange must be stopped, and that a Federal Reserve Bank should be established. The Grain Act amendment was a deplorable disappointment. Both old parties were together in defeating the legislation required in the best interests of agriculture, and worse still, they were led in the Grain Act fight by one who represented himself as a farmer who stood for the best interests of agriculture. **FORCED BY IMPORTUNITY
OF WESTERN MEMBERS**

In speaking of the Rural Credit bill, Mr. Spencer pointed out that the Government had dilly-dallied all year in the endeavor not to introduce rural credit legislation, but being forced by the impetuosity of the Western members, the Government brought down a ridiculously inadequate provision at a time in the last day of the session when its passage was hopeless.

President H. W. Wood holds as no man ever has held the confidence of the Alberta farmers. This was evident by the reception accorded him, and by the eagerness with which the whole convention hung upon his words. President Wood is a real leader. He knows what to say; he says it at the right time, and says it in the right way. He never dodges a truth because in doing so he might temporarily avoid a hardship. On this occasion, as on all others, he faced the issues with refreshing frankness. His counsel, characteristically vigorous, blended with caution, suggested unusual wisdom, and his faith in the ultimate outcome of the U. F. A. His address was a real source of inspiration to his hearers.

President Wood reviewed with astonishing keenness of observation the history of the U. F. A., especially during the past fifteen years. He carefully attempted an estimate of accomplishments that had grown out of the educational and preparatory work of that period. He contrasted present achievements with the inarticulate helplessness of farmers a century back, and expressed confidently the view that fifteen years from now the position of the farmers will be as much improved over the present as the present is over the conditions of fifteen years ago.

In referring to the venture of the movement into politics the President spoke with a touch of justifiable pride of the experiment in democratic political action. He inferred that the political method put into operation by the U. F. A. is of the nature of a discovery the possibilities of which the future alone will reveal.

WILL U. F. A. BUILD ON SOUND FOUNDATION?

Looking ahead from where we stand, Mr. Wood mapped out the character of the work to be done, as well as the character of the educational effort that will be necessary in order to accomplish the tasks that are to come. The work and education from now on will be different from the past, inasmuch as the past fifteen years have been preparatory—the laying of foundations. Tomorrow some one will raise a superstructure on these foundations of democracy. Of the stability of the U. F. A. foundation President Wood has no doubt. The question that he raised was: Will the U. F. A. of the present continue to build on the foundation that has been so well based or will the glory of this be left to succeeding generations?

The educational character of the movement will have to be somewhat different, in keeping with the task. This was illustrated by pointing out the difference between the work of a child in the primary class struggling to fashion the tools with which the mind will have to work, and that of a student in the field of scientific experimentation. The past gave birth to the democratic idea; the future must perfect the idea and make it work.

In sounding an inspirational note, Mr. Wood referred to the stimulation coming from the novelty of doing new things. In many respects that stimulation would from now henceforth be lacking because the novelty was gone. There must be substituted for that, declared Mr. Wood,

"a realization of our citizenship obligations and opportunities. We must achieve for the mass love of achievement." In establishing a foundation of true democracy the U. F. A. had gone further than any other movement in history. If advancement stopped with the novelty, others would do what it should be the privilege of the present generation to do.

POOL DIFFICULTIES WHERE NO U. F. A. LOCAL

J. R. Love was listened to with marked appreciation as he delivered an able and forceful address on the co-operative marketing movement. Mr. Love illustrated by amusing incidents how difficult it was to conduct a Pool campaign in districts where there are no U. F. A. Locals. He pointed out that every class was selling something. Working people sold labor, professional people sold service, while mercantile classes sold goods. All these classes had their pools, some of which were compulsory. The doctors' pool was compulsory; it not only fixed fees for services, but regulated the supply of services so as to make it more easy to obtain the fixed fees. The bankers' pool for fixing the price of money, and the manufacturers' pool, were outstanding examples. These co-operated in their separate classes for mutual benefit. This was what the farmers were now trying to do by their Wheat and Poultry and other Pools.

Other speakers were Nellis-East, who spoke on the present financial system, giving an outline of how a nation or an individual may handle credit without paying toll to bankers; Mrs. Postana, who gave a very interesting account of the U. F. W. A. efforts in organizing the Pools and made an appeal for continued diligence on the part of the women's section of the movement, and Wm. Irvine, who gave a short inspirational talk at the close of the convention which was highly appreciated.

MANY IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

There were a number of resolutions discussed and passed, among which were the following: that the post office savings department be extended and used as a means of providing finance for Government use; that the economic group idea be retained as opposed to party organization; that the Provincial Department of Education be requested to delete from text books all glorification of war; that a Federal Reserve Bank be put into operation; and that the indemnity of Federal members be arranged on a sliding scale. In discussing this latter resolution it was pointed out that Western members who were away from home six months of the year lost a lot more in a business way and were at greater expense than Eastern members, and that Eastern members should be paid less accordingly. One delegate suggested that every M. P. should have to punch a clock, so as to keep them all on the job.

Officers elected included: A. F. Aitken, president; W. Skinner, vice-president.

The convention was in the truest sense a success. There was a good attendance of delegates and a large crowd of interested farmers as visitors. Many Locals unable to be represented, forwarded their annual fees and their good wishes. The singing of the National Anthem brought proceedings to a close at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Farmers Urged to Give Immediate Employment to Harvesters on Arrival

Director of Employment Service Explains Inevitable Difficulties in Distribution, and Asks Co-operation of Farmers Who Will Require Hired Help—Dates of Harvest Excursions

Editor "The U. F. A.":

I would appreciate your conveying to the farmers throughout the Province, through the medium of your paper, the following information relative to harvest labor:

Harvest excursions will arrive in Winnipeg from Eastern Canada on the following dates: August 14th, 17th, 20th, 23th, 26th and September 3rd. Excursions from British Columbia booking dates August 13th to 31st inclusive. All excursions arriving at Winnipeg will be met by representatives of the Employment Service of Alberta who will endeavor to direct the men to points throughout the Province where labor is needed.

Dates Fixed Three Weeks Ahead

The dates for excursions have to be fixed at least three weeks ahead to permit the railways to make the excursion arrangements in the East. Having this in mind, it should be understood that some difficulty may arise in the distribution of men, and in some instances it is quite possible that some few men may arrive in territory one or two days before work is actually ready in the harvest fields.

The securing of a sufficient number of men from the excursions to harvest the crop successfully depends in no small measure upon the ready assimilation of those men who come out on the earlier excursions. Should a few of these men get into some section and find the farmers not prepared to furnish them with employment for a few days, it is quite possible that the story will go

East to the effect that no work is available in Alberta, with the result that when the next excursion arrives in Winnipeg, it will be found very difficult to persuade men to come to the Province. It should also be borne in mind that Manitoba and Saskatchewan harvests will be on at that time, and that men for this Province have to come right through both of the other provinces, which, even with everything going favorably, makes our work fairly difficult.

Some Local Hitches Possible

The farmers can rest assured that in so far as it is humanly possible the men will be sent forward as required, but that in a movement of this dimension it is quite possible some little hitch may occur in some localities. What we would request is that the farmers in the various territories will, as the men arrive, endeavor to give them employment immediately, provided, of course, they will be required in that locality. What I am desirous of conveying is that in order to secure a sufficient number of men to harvest the crop it is essential that no disgruntled stories from men who have arrived in the Province be sent back East, and with the co-operation of the farmers in the various territories I feel sure this can be prevented and a sufficient supply of men obtained to harvest our crop.

Yours very truly,

W. SMITEN.

Director, Employment Bureau,
Edmonton, July 27th.

Dairy Pool Obtains Necessary Sign-up and Plans Election of Permanent Board---Provisional Board Meeting

Shippers of City Milk Eager to Join Pool, and This Part of Contract May Be Brought Into Operation—More Than 1,500 Cows in Calgary District Already Signed Up, and Only Half Territory Covered

Definite announcement that the Dairy Pool has secured the necessary sign-up called for in the contract is made by E. A. Van Slyke, secretary of the Pool. A meeting of the Provisional Board of the Pool has been called for July 31st, in Edmonton, when the volume of dairy products signed-up in the Pool will be examined in detail. It is deemed desirable that a resolution of the Board, declaring that the quota has been obtained, shall be passed before final arrangements are made for the calling of the first general meeting of the Pool. "The U. F. A." goes to press before the date of the Board meeting, and full information upon the action taken will be given in our next issue.

It is anticipated that the first general meeting will be held during the present month, on a date to be set by the Board.

Delegates to the meeting will be elected by postcard ballot, as provided for in the constitution.

Contracts Now Fearing Is

In "The U. F. A." of July 15th, it was announced that many Dairy Pool contracts had been held in the country owing to a misunderstanding. It was then explained by officials of the Pool that no contracts will be enforced in any district until suitable handling facilities can be provided. Since this matter has been made clear large numbers of new contracts have been delivered to the Head Office of the Pool. Every day's mail brings substantial additions to the sign-up.

City Milk Producers Eager to Come In

As a result of the demand of producers of milk for city delivery, particularly in

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News From the Wheat Pool Head Office

A Page of Official Information for the Benefit of Members of the Alberta Pool

Interim Payment of 20 Cents on 86 per cent of Alberta Pool Wheat

Payments of 15 Cents and 10 Cents per Bushel on Bulk of Remainder—Most of Cheques Already Distributed

FINAL PAYMENT LATER

A second interim payment of 20 cents a bushel Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Northern, has been distributed to members of the Alberta Wheat Pool during the past week. On Nos. 5, tough 5, and rejected grades, the interim payment is 15 cents, and on No. 4, tough 4, smutties and the rejected of other grades, 10 cents a bushel has been paid.

The grades on which the payment of 20 cents a bushel has been made represent 86 per cent. of the total wheat in the Alberta Pool; those on which the payment is 15 cents, represent 8 per cent., and those on which the payment is 10 cents, 4 per cent. On about 2 per cent. of the total, representing feed, and such grades as rejected heated, condensed, etc., no interim payment has been made.

FINAL PAYMENT STILL TO COME

The distribution of an interim payment was decided on by the Directors in view of the early harvest, in order to provide funds to members for the financing of harvest operations. This second interim payment will be followed by a final payment to members during early fall, when the proceeds on the various grades will be adjusted.

Practically all cheques covering the interim payment have already been distributed to members. We call especial attention, however, to the note at the head of this page, to the effect that payment cannot be made until growers' certificates have been received at the head office in Calgary for checking purposes, and any members who have not yet sent in these certificates should do so at once.

PAYMENTS TO DATE \$1.35 A BUSHEL.

The initial payment on wheat of the crop of 1924 was \$1 a bushel, basis Vancouver. This was followed in the spring of this year by a first interim payment of 35 cents a bushel on all grades. The second interim payment brings the total to date on No. 1 Northern, basis Vancouver, to \$1.35 a bushel, with the final payment still to come.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR GROWERS' CERTIFICATE?

The second interim payment on the 1924 crop cannot be mailed to any member of the Pool whose Growers' Certificate are not available at Head Office for checking purposes. Members who have not sent in their Growers' Certificate are, therefore, urged to do so at once, in order that their cheques may be made out and mailed to them. The greater part of the second payment has already been distributed to the membership of the Pool throughout the Province, but a few of the cheques are still necessarily held, owing to the fact that the Growers' Certificates of the members concerned have not been sent in.

Initial Payment of \$1 per Bushel Set for New Wheat Crop

All Wheat Delivered on and After July 15th Included in Pool of 1925

Harvest—See That You Get
Payments as Below

Upon the closing of the Wheat Pool of 1924 on July 15th, the Pool set an initial price of \$1 a bushel on all wheat delivered subsequent to that date, this being the same as the initial payment on last year's crop. Wheat delivered on and after July 15th will be included in the Pool for the season of 1925.

Payments for straight grades are as follows:

	Cashable	22 1/2c Per
No. 1 Northern	\$1.00	1.81%
No. 2 Northern	.87	.78%
No. 3 Northern	.82	.73%
No. 4	.85	.83%
No. 5	.78	.68%
No. 6	.72	.62%
Feed Wheat	.66	.46%
One Durham	.92	.73%
Two Durham	.80	.70%
Three Durham	.84	.65%
One Alberta Red	.95	.74%
Two Alberta Red	.92	.73%
Three Alberta Red	.87	.68%
Toughs 1 Northern	.92	.73%
Two Northern	.80	.70%
Three	.86	.67%
Four	.79	.60%
Five	.72	.62%
Six	.66	.46%
Feed	.60	.50%
Rejected: 1 Northern	.92	.73%
Two Northern	.80	.70%
Three	.84	.65%
Four	.77	.67%
Five	.71	.61%
Six	.65	.45%
Smutties No. 1 Nor.	.80	.71%
Two Northern	.87	.68%
Three Northern	.82	.63%
Four	.75	.55%
Five	.68	.48%
Six	.63	.43%

Tough smutty 17c and Tough Rejected 12c under straight grades. Payments for straight wheat will be made as indicated above on all the straight grades. The pay-

ments are based on points from which the freight rate is 2 1/4 cents per hundred pounds. Where the freight is in excess of this figure, the payments are correspondingly reduced. Members of the Pool should be given these figures by the elevator companies, less freight in carload lots, and net for street wheat.

Pool Has Extensive Connections on the Continent of Europe

Connections Proved of Great Value When Break in Prices Occurred—Deal Directly With Largest British Millers

TRADE WITH 400 IN FRANCE

In the building up of direct sales-connections in the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe, much progress has been made since the launching of the Alberta Pool two years ago. It is estimated that about 80 per cent. of all wheat shipped from Canada is for account of about 16 companies. Pool salesmen are now in direct touch with about ten of these companies, including the Co-operative Wholesale Societies and the largest milling concerns in Great Britain.

Trade is conducted directly with the French millers through the office of the Central Selling Agency (The Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd.) in Paris, and sales are being made at the present time to more than 400 French millers. On account of the difficult financial situation it has not been considered advisable as yet to open offices in other continental European countries, but in these countries agents have been appointed who act as principals in sales made through them. During the months of March and April, when the unprecedented break in prices occurred, the connections established in Europe proved of real value to the Pool.

In Europe's Leading Centers

The Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., are now represented in Europe as follows:

Germany—2 agents at Hamburg.
1 agent at Berlin.
Italy—2 agents at Genoa.
Belgium—1 agent at Antwerp.
Holland—2 agents at Rotterdam.
Denmark—1 agent at Copenhagen.
Finland—1 agent at Helsinki.
Switzerland—1 agent at Zurich.
Livonia—1 agent at Riga.
Sweden—1 agent at Stockholm.
Norway—1 agent at Oslo.

SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT POOL.

According to the official paper of the South Dakota Wheat Growers' Association, final settlement has now been made by the Pool, for the handling of the 1924 crop. The amount realized per bushel

DRIVE HELPS THE WHEAT POOL

Conspicuous in the drive for the new Pool carried Wheat Pool contracts with them, and as a result of their efforts substantial additions have been made to the Alberta Wheat Pool membership.

is not given, but it is intimated that the grain handled will exceed two million bushels. Charges against the pooled wheat totalled 12 cents per bushel, an actual reduction of 1.34 cents as compared with the previous year, of which 7.41 cents were direct charges as follows: Terminal charges, .48 cents; farm storage and elevator handling and storage, 5.08 cents; interest and insurance, .89 cents. Operating charges totalled 4.05 cents per bushel, made up as follows: Administration expense, .87 cents; office upkeep, 1.15 cents; liquidation of office set-up expense, .33 cents; upkeep of Minneapolis and Duluth sales offices and American general office expense, 1.70 cents. The sum of 1.34 cents per bushel was set aside as reserve.

COLORADO WHEAT POOL PAYS AVERAGE OF \$1.18

An average price of \$1.10 for all grades and all varieties of wheat was realized by the Colorado Wheat Pool, which handled the 1924 crop, according to official reports. A total of 1,191,699 bushels was handled.

19,000 MEMBERS IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota Wheat Pool has a total membership of more than 19,000. Ten million bushels of wheat are under contract to the Pool, and an effort is being made to raise the total to fifteen millions, which would be more than 50 per cent. of the crop.

Advices Enemies of Co-operation to Be "Canny" in Attack

Keep Clear of the Law of Libel in Advice of Chicago Grain Trade Journal, Which Recommends More Modest Methods

A word of warning against the recklessness of many of the attacks upon co-operative marketing enterprises which have been carried on by the grain interests and other opponents of co-operation in the United States, is uttered in a recent issue by the Grain Dealers' Journal of Chicago. "The Journal itself is in the habit of campaigning against the Pooling principle but reminds its readers that even the Pools have legal rights, which cannot with safety be invaded, and advises the use of 'safe' methods of attack such as it is itself in the habit of using.

"Just as Effective"

"Since the decision against a Wisconsin firm attacking the Potato Pool," says this newspaper, "there has been a recognition that marketing organizations enjoy the same protection against libel that do individuals. That this caution against mentioning any Pool or marketing company needs repeating is evident from the suit just started against the secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' Association. Those opposed to the Pool or any other method of marketing can make their criticism just as effective by attacking the methods rather than naming the organizations."

In view of the risk of legal proceedings, the Journal then advises enemies of the Pools to proceed with caution,

and "not to make statements regarding the financial standing of the Pools which are not strictly accurate."

To satisfy its less discreet patrons that it is just as much opposed to co-operative marketing as they, this paper then concludes with the remark that this risk of libel "applies also to other marketing companies whose stock selling campaigns are within the law," thus providing an example of the more insidious form of attack which consists in suggesting that producers' Pooling enterprises are to be compared with the sort of stock selling

enterprises whose promoters venture as closely as they dare, in their dealings with a victimized public, to the boundary between legality and illegality.

RECORD SALES OF ALBERTA SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

During the first six months of 1928, more Alberta Government Savings Certificates were sold than in any previous period of twelve months. Up to the end of June, total sales amounted to \$1,581,486, according to the Treasury Department. Certificates now outstanding total nearly \$7,000,000. The total sale of certificates since the scheme was inaugurated in 1917, have been \$22,047,794.

Wheat Pool "Brilliant Example" of Applied Co-operative Principles

Professor C. E. Fay, Who Will Speak at the Next Annual Convention of the U. F. A., Gives Views on Co-operative Marketing—Movement is Here to Stay

Judging by his recent address before the American Institute of Agriculture, the visit of Professor C. E. Fay of Toronto University to the U. F. A. Annual Convention next winter, will be an event of much more than usual interest to the members of the Association. Professor Fay, who is one of the leading economists of the Dominion, is an able and consistent advocate of co-operation.

Leading the Way

Citing the Canadian Wheat Pools and the California fruit growers' pooling organizations as "brilliant examples" of the application of the principles of co-operation to the advancement of the interests of primary producers, Professor Fay informed the Institute that these organizations "are leading the way along the new co-operative paths." He described co-operation as "a world-wide movement which is growing in strength and permanent in nature." He challenged critics who declared that the movement would be of short duration, and expressed his conviction that it would endure all the attacks which may be made upon it, because it "is the outcome of economic evolution and combines sound business practices and inspiring ethical standards."

No Stability Unless Farming Pays

Discussing in particular the co-operative movement in agriculture, Professor Fay, who is an acknowledged authority on co-operation in many parts of the world, said that in this matter during recent years the new world had come into line with the old. "Rich as the new world is, and indeed, just because it is so rich industrially," he added, "there is need for a counter pressure from the side of agriculture. One day we may have giant corporation farms, but this is very doubtful, and if they come, the nation will lose the rock of social stability which a prosperous community of comparatively small farmers provides. But there is no stability in rural life if agriculture does not pay. Acting in isolation the farmer is his own enemy."

What Is Your Recommendation?

As announced in the last issue of "The U. F. A.," Professor Fay has offered to speak at the next Annual Convention on any one of the four following subjects:

- (1) The World Market for Wheat.
- (2) Co-operative Development of Agri-

culture Marketing in Canada, the United States and Europe.

- (3) Extensive Co-operative Education.
- (4) Relation Between Producers' and Consumers' Co-operatives.

COLORADO WHEAT POOL OF 1923

Final settlements with members of the wheat pool of the state of Colorado on the basis of 99.6 cents per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat were made in respect to the sale of the 1923 crop, according to official statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture. All growers were charged for freight from their shipping stations to Kansas City, these charges ranging from 13.4 cents per bushel to 19.8 cents. There was in addition an interior handling charge of from 3 to 4.5 cents per bushel, total deductions thus ranging from 28.1 cents to 36.5 cents, and the net credits to members varying from \$3.4 cents to 36 cents.

General, administrative and membership extensions expenses of the pool amounted to 2.9 cents per bushel, as compared with the expense of about two-fifths of a cent per bushel for the Alberta Wheat Pool. The total wheat in the pool was 1,291,666 bushels.

A protein premium was allowed to growers according to the value of the wheat shipped from the various stations, this premium amounting in some instances to 1.4 cents a bushel.

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP OF 23

"We now have a paid-up membership of thirty-three, and with the completion of our new hall in the hamlet of Grimshaw hope to enlarge our roll considerably," writes G. S. Watt, secretary-treasurer of Bear Lake Local. The hall will be used for meetings and dances and social evenings and a hearty welcome will be given to any officers of the association, declares Mr. Watt.

SPEAK ON RURAL CREDITS

Informative addresses by Robt. Gardiner, M.P., and H. E. Spencer, M.P., on the fight in the House of Commons to secure rural credit legislation, and upon other matters dealt with during the recent session, were delivered at the sports day held at Coramotion on June 24th, under the auspices of the U. F. A. and Talbot Athletic Club. An excellent program of events was carried out during the day, and in the evening a dance was held in the community hall.

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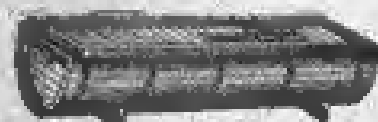
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DAIRY POOL OBTAINS NECESSARY MINIMUM SIGN-UP, AND PLANS FOR ELECTION OF PERMANENT BOARD—PROVISIONAL BOARD NOW MEETING

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the territory serving Edmonton and Calgary, it is possible that the Pool may undertake the handling of this commodity. A large proportion of the producers in the Edmonton district have already signed up, and in the territory which is now being covered near Calgary, 98 per cent. of the shippers who have been consulted to date have signed up.

Norman S. Clarke of Didsbury, W. A. Hunter of Beddington, O. Short of Beddington, and S. J. Ewing, U. F. A. Director for East Calgary, have been con-

ducting a vigorous canvass in the Calgary district during the past week.

Waiting for Opportunity

"When we commenced our work," Mr. Short informed "The U. F. A.", "we found that the city milk shippers were just waiting for something in the nature of what the Pool can give them. We have only covered a little more than half the territory as yet, but nearly all the shippers we have seen have come in. We have contracts for the milk of 1,200 cows; and expect to have at least 2,400 when the canvass is completed."

The Huxley to Granger Shipping Association, following a meeting with N. S. Clarke, chairman of the Dairy Pool, have agreed to sign a cross contract, under the terms of which their product will be handled through the Provincial Pool.

Poultry Pool Permanent Board Will Be Elected at Meetings of District Delegates

Poultry Pool Delegates Will Elect Permanent Directors at Meetings in Their Respective Districts—Ballots for Delegates to Be at Head Office by August 20th—Seven Directors Will Hold Office Until Annual Meeting in March, 1939

Details of the election of the Permanent Board of the Poultry Pool were arranged at a meeting of the Provisional Board of Directors held at the Head Office of the Pool in Calgary on July 21st.

The secretary, Mrs. F. E. Wyman, is now arranging to send out to each member a postcard ballot, list of members in his or her district, and a letter of instructions. These ballots are to be returned to the Head Office in Calgary before 5 p.m. on August 20th. The ten members in each district receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as the District Delegates for their respective districts.

Meet in Respective Districts

These District Delegates will meet in their respective districts and elect a Director—at the time and place to be arranged by the Executive Committee.

The seven Directors thus elected will form the Permanent Board, and will hold office until the annual meeting, which takes place the second Thursday in March.

Over Three Signed Up

After a full discussion of Clause 19 of the agreement, dealing with the required objective, the following resolution was adopted by the Provisional Board:

That it is the opinion of this Board of Directors that contracts covering equivalent to one-third of the total poultry and

eggs marketed in and exported from the Province of Alberta in the year 1937, have been received in this office.

This is the minimum sign-up called for in the agreement.

Those present at the meeting of the Provisional Board were: S. S. Sears, chairman; Mrs. H. E. G. H. Schofield, vice-chairman; Mrs. F. E. Wyman, secretary; Messrs. A. B. Claypool, N. S. Smith, H. C. McDaniel and A. E. Brown.

INNISSAIL CONVENTION AUGUST 15TH

A meeting of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. executives of the Innisfail Provincial Constituency Association was held in Innisfail on July 22nd. It was unanimously agreed that in view of the uncertain date of the Provincial election, that the next convention be NOT a nominating convention. It was felt by the Board that as the nominating convention would in all probability be held in Innisfail, and as no convention had yet been held in the eastern portion of the constituency that the convention be held at Elberta. The convention to take place on Saturday, August 15th, at 2 p.m., and a cordial invitation be extended to all. A program is being arranged, the speakers to be the Hon. V. W. Smith, Donald Cameron, M.P.P., and Mrs. Barrett of Mirror.

P. C. HEPBURN, Sec.-Treas.

Livestock Pool Will Handle the Sales for District Livestock Shipping Associations

Six of the Seven District Associations Have Already Made Arrangements With Provincial Pools

Six of the seven district associations engaged in the co-operative shipment of livestock have already decided to place the marketing of livestock of their members through the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd. As announced

elsewhere in this issue, the seventh of these, the Pincher Creek Association, is taking a postcard ballot of its members to decide the matter.

The following are the six associations which have agreed to cross contracts

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Many letters have been received by the Pool requesting that members be allowed the privilege to be followed in organizing branches of the Pool. A plan is being prepared by the Provincial Board for submission to the membership.

A report on the first general meeting of the Liverpool Pool, to be held in Kensington on August 4th, were completed at a meeting of the executive in Edmonton this week.

U.F.W.A. Executive Discuss Community of Property Act

Definite Official Action Deferred Until
Official Data Has Been Procured—
Mrs. Parley Will Attend Later
Meeting

The Executive of the U.F.W.A. with M. R. Quinn, Mrs. J. W. Platt and Mrs. K. M. Whelan, met on August 7th at 1975 Jasper Avenue to take up the matter of the Community Property Act which was introduced in the last Session of the Alberta Legislature by Honorable Louis Parley.

Although the U.F.W.A. is a strong organization have endorsed the principle of community of property they have up to now taking no official action so far as the Act itself is concerned.

After a thorough discussion of the various provisions of the proposed Act, it was thought advisable to defer definite and final official action until official data was procured.

It was agreed to hold a meeting at a later date at which Mrs. Parley would be present.

Gardiner to Address Many Meetings in Next Two Weeks

Meetings for the discussion of Federal affairs will be addressed by Robert Gardiner, M.P. during the first two weeks in August as indicated below. Mr. Gardiner has already held a large number of meetings in various parts of his constituency.

The schedule already arranged for the present month follows:

Winnipeg, August 14th, 2 p.m.
New South, Aug. 14th 8 p.m.
Vancouver, August 14th, 2 p.m.
Edmonton, August 14th 8 p.m.
Ottawa, Aug. 14th 2 p.m.
Montreal, Aug. 14th, 8 p.m.
Quebec, August 14th 8 p.m.
Toronto, August 14th, 8 p.m.
London, Aug. 14th, 8 p.m.
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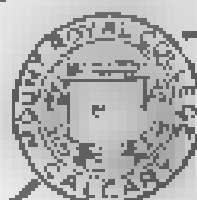
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Make Mileage Basis Freight Rates Equal Throughout Canada

Edmonton Conference Called by Alberta Government Makes Recommendations on Vital Problem—Commodity Rates for Farm Products

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(Special to "The U.F.A.")

EDMONTON, July 30.—The conference held in Edmonton today, called at the instance of the Alberta Government for discussing the rate investigation now about to be undertaken by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, decided upon the following general points:

1.—That the standard of mileage freight tariff scale should as far as possible be on the same basis all over Canada.

2.—That the distributing town lands should continue as at present, namely, 35 per cent. of the standard mileage basis in the west.

3.—That the charge for any commodity to Calgary and Edmonton from Eastern Canada should not be greater than that charge from the same points to Vancouver.

4.—Butter (domestic).—This was altered by unanimous resolution from the draft as supplied by the Edmonton Board of Trade, so as to provide that the Board would be asked "to make effective a special commodity rate to cover minimum car shipments of 50,000 pounds and 25,000 pounds to Montreal and other Eastern Canadian points, and also to Pacific coast points, on such a basis as will enable Alberta producers to compete favorably in the Canadian market with any imported article."

5.—Butter (export).—That counsel be instructed to press for a lower export rate on butter via Montreal and for a favorable export rate on butter via Pacific coast points.

The same resolution was passed with regard to poultry and eggs, with the difference that the minimum carload for poultry be 40,000 pounds, for eggs, 25,000 pounds.

6.—That the basis of export rates on grain and flour applicable to Fort William should apply to the Pacific coast.

7.—Reduction of domestic rates on low grade and coarse grains to Vancouver and Prince Rupert to a basis which would permit the development of a market for such Alberta grains at the coast. Reduction in coal rates to develop markets west and west.

8.—Adjustment of export rates via both seaboards in order to develop further markets for the primary products of Alberta and for necessary reductions in imports

rates to meet the requirements of the Province.

7.—Adjustment of class rates on the shorter C.N.R. mileage.

8.—Adjustment of rates as between distributing centres.

The matter of details in regard to equalization of rates generally and the equalizing of commodity rates suitable to 500,000 tons was left in the hands of a small committee consisting of the chairman, J. H. Morris, secretary Calgary Board of Trade, A. Chard, secretary of the Alberta Government, supervisor of traffic for the Alberta Government, and S. B. Woods, counsel for the Province of Alberta.

A thorough discussion of the many points at issue took place and an amicable solution was reached by the conference in all cases. All interested expressed themselves as well pleased with the results of same.

Among those participating in the conference were members of the Alberta Government, representatives of the principal boards of trade of the Province, A. Chard, freight traffic expert of the Alberta Government, H. E. G. H. Schofield, Vice-President of the U.F.A., R. A. Van Noy, of the U.F.A., and Dairy Post, D. W. Warner, M.P., and others.

Estimate Decreased Wheat Production in North's Hemisphere

U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues Report on Crop Situation

Official forecasts and estimates of the wheat crop in eleven countries of the Northern Hemisphere reported in June to the United States Department of Agriculture indicate a production of 1,183,000,000 bushels, as compared with 1,241,000,000 bushels last year, a decrease of 58,000,000 bushels. Adding these forecasts to the official estimates of other countries, the total production is estimated at 2,000,000,000 in fourteen countries, as compared with 2,100,000,000 in 1934.

Forecasts and condition reports for eight European countries, outside of Russia, indicate an increase of 120,000,000 bushels of wheat, or 1.4 per cent. in these countries.

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conversion to some useful purpose. The arguments so far advanced, to show why the Government should not carry out the wishes of the Legislature, are not very convincing.

It is true that there may not be a ready sale of Government House property. It should not be sacrificed, but The Western News believes that the Government should make an attempt to carry out the spirit of the resolution of the Legislature by converting the building to some useful purpose if a satisfactory sale cannot be made.

EDITORIAL

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sort of campaign tactics which are usually associated with C. R. Mitchell's official paid organizer of the Liberal party in this Province. The most curious examination of the financial history of the Province would be sufficient to provide the answer to Mr. McMillen's claims. We have not space in this issue to deal with the matter, but the facts are very clearly recorded in previous numbers of this paper.

The reduction of the controllable expenditure of the Province by more than a million dollars a year since the U.F.A. Government came into office is a fact which is or should be known to Mr. McMillen.

The speech in which Mr. McMillen, in his bid for the Conservative leadership, adopts the characteristic campaign methods of the old-fashioned political manipulator, makes somewhat curious reading at a time when the proposal to abolish the party system in Provincial affairs is winning strong and definite support from many public men.

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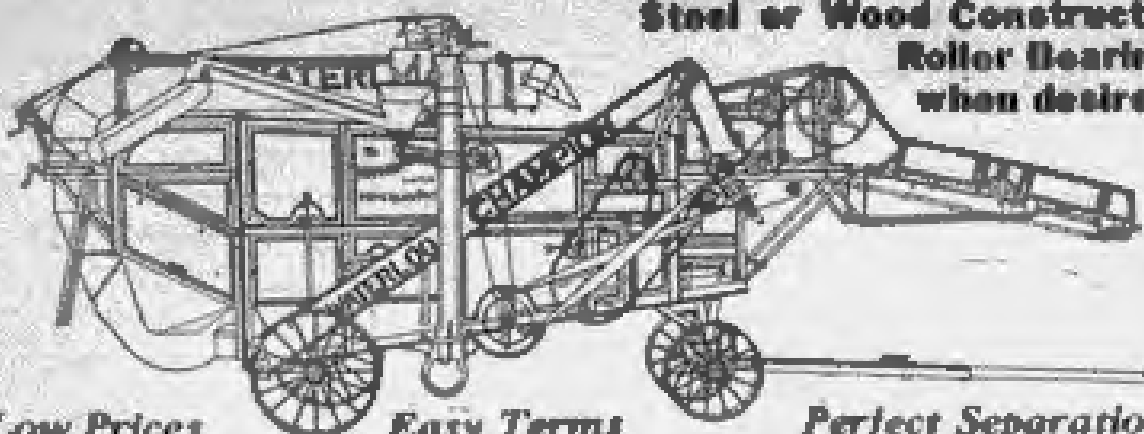
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